

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are ____.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>11-06</u> . |
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>9-06</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the IDS received on 9-26-06.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Charney on 21 November 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Re claim 1, line 3: Replace "a book having pages including indicia" with – a book having pages bound together between front and rear covers, said pages including indicia --

Re claim 1, line 5: Replace "adapted to accept" with – accepting --.

Re claim 1, line 8: Replace "adapted to be inserted" with – inserted --.

Re claim 1, line 11: Replace "operative to detect" with – operated in response to--.

Re claim 1, line 14: Replace "is adapted to interact" with – interacts --.

Re claim 6, line 4: Replace "adapted to accept a book with pages including" with – accepting a book with pages bound between front and rear covers, said pages including --.

Re claim 6, line 6: Replace "including magnetic signatures" with – including magnetic signatures at specified locations on the pages --.

Re claim 6, line 7: Delete "attaching said magnetic... pages;"

Re claim 6, line 9: Replace "creating contact" with -- creating magnetic contact --

Re claim 6, last line: Replace "given page." With -- given page, the delivering being from a location other than the book --.

Re claim 13, line 3: Replace "adapted to accept a book with pages" with -- accepting a book with pages bound between front and rear covers --.

Re claim 13, line 2 (page 5): Replace "adapted to support" with -- supporting --.

Re claim 13, line 5 (page 5): Replace "operative to move" with -- movable --.

Re claim 13, line 8 (page 5): Replace "direct contact" with -- magnetic contact --.

Re claim 13, line 17 (page 5): Replace "adapted to active" with -- to activate --.

Re claim 13, line 20 (page 5): Replace "adapted to receive" with -- receiving --.

Re claim 13, line 24 (page 5): Delete "adapted".

Re claim 13, line 27 (page 5): Replace "is adapted to retrieve and reproduce" with -- retrieves and reproduces --.

Re claim 16, line 3: Delete "adapted".

Re claim 17, line 2: Delete "adapted".

Re claim 25, line 2: Replace "a plurality of pages" with -- a book having a plurality of pages bound between front and rear covers"

Re claim 25, line 5: Replace "an array of magnetic signature sensors" with -- a book holder having an array of magnetic signature sensors and a reading controller"

Re claim 25, line 6: Replace "operative to move" with -- movable--.

Re claim 25, line 3 (page 7): Delete "an audio controller; and,".

Re claim 25, line 4 (page 7): Replace "audible" with -- the audible --.

Re claim 25, line 5 (page 7): Replace “audio” with – reading --.

Re claim 25, last line: Replace “sensors” with – sensors, the audible sounds retrieved from a location other than said book --.

Re claim 26, lines 7 and 8: Replace “direct contact” with – magnetic contact--.

Re claim 27, line 2 and 4: Replace “direct contact” with – magnetic contact--.

Re claim 28: Replace “audio controller” with – reading controller --.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-18, and 25-30 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach the limitations of the independent claims, including “a system for illustrating sound and text comprising the book, book holder, reading controller, and cartridge, as claimed, and that the magnetic switches are operated in response to the absence of the magnetic signatures on the page (re claim 1), a method for illustrating sound and text comprising a book and book holder as claimed, and that the magnetic switches operate to create magnetic contact with the signature to correlate with a reading controller to deliver audible sounds from a location other than the book (re claim 6), an electronic book reader system comprising a reading surface, book support surface and magnetic signature sensor array as claimed, where the reading elements are movable between open and closed position in response to the absence or presence of a magnetic signature and make magnetic contact, and a reading controller to retrieve and reproduce audio content of the pages being viewed by the user (re claim 13), and a device for playing audible

sounds comprising a book and book holder as claimed, a reading controller, and that the sounds are retrieved from a location other than the book (re claim 25).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

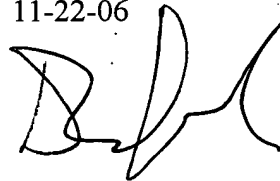
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (see attached PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel I. Walsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-2409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Walsh', written over the printed name and date.

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